

of the Framers of the Constitution or Laws, that such a provision was, or would become necessary.

A sufficient number of the recusant Electors having, since the issuing of our Proclamation and before the day assigned for the meeting of the General Assembly, attended the electoral college, qualified and joined with those faithful electors who had from the first been ready to perform their duty, and a new Senate having been elected, it will now only be necessary, in reference to the conduct of the recusants and their abettors, to provide appropriate remedies to meet any future like conduct or occurrences. And for this purpose, we respectfully recommend an amendment of our election laws, providing for new elections to fill any vacancies which may occur in any future electoral college, by death or resignation, or by refusal or neglect to attend and qualify within a specified time; and we also recommend an amendment of our criminal laws, providing for suitable and adequate punishment of any agents of the people who may hereafter solicit and receive, or accept of any public trust, and refuse or wilfully neglect to perform the duties enjoined by the constitution or laws.

Supposing that you will concur with us in the opinion, that at this extraordinary session your attention and labors ought to be confined to the special objects of calling you together, and such other business of importance as the welfare of the state requires to be acted upon without delay, we shall forbear to call to your notice or attention any other subjects of interest to the State. Among these, we esteem the passage of such laws as you may deem necessary and proper for suppressing all revolutionary designs and proceedings; for the better support of the constitution and government, and for bringing to justice and deserved punishment their future violators. As the constitution provides that no part thereof shall be altered, changed or abolished, unless a bill so to alter, change or abolish the same shall pass the General Assembly, and be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election; and as several bills for alterations of the constitution were passed by the last General Assembly, it is necessary to their confirmation as a part